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**PROCESS FOR THE CARBONYLATION OF EPOXIDES**

ABSTRACT

10       The present invention pertains to a process for  
the carbonylation of an epoxide by reacting it with  
carbon monoxide in the presence of a catalyst system  
containing two components, wherein the first component is  
a source of one or more metals selected from the group  
consisting of cobalt, ruthenium and rhodium, and the  
15       second component is a coordination complex of a  
tetrapyrrole compound with one or more of the metals  
belonging to the group consisting of groups IIIA and IIIB  
of the periodic system, lanthanides and actinides. The  
present invention also pertains a process for the  
20       preparation of a catalyst system.